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protein and a nitric oxide-releasing N_2O_2 - functional group bound to said biopolymer, in an amount sufficient to release a therapeutically effective amount of nitric oxide.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, and 8-14 have been amended to claim non-elected subject matter from patent application Serial No. 08/344,197. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 28, 29 and 30 have been canceled.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject

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application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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